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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 17, 2004, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-24) drawn to method for obtaining proteins facilitating crystallization, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect item (b) in Claim 3 "a predetermined minimum percentage of one or more predetermined amino acid residues" as the species. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-24.

Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were filed on June 11, 2001 and August 31, 2001, respectively. Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of both of the IDSs in the next Office Communication, and return initialed and dated copies of the forms PTO-1449 to the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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